

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 03, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Blanksma, Kingsley (Crawford), Mitchell, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Rubel, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Redman

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 30537: **Pam Eaton**, President, CEO, Idaho State Pharmacy Association, presented **RS 30537**, proposed legislation to establish minimum uniform standards and criteria for the audit of pharmacy records on behalf of pharmacy benefit managers and other authorized entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30537**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 212: **Rep. Marco Erickson**, District 33, presented **H 212**, with changes to assure the daycare licensing rules apply to facilities for children under four years of age. Answering a question he said the previous specified schools have been changed to reflect schools in general.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 212** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Kate Haas, Kestral West, testified **in support** of **H 212**. This helps micro-schools, alternative educational environments, and codifies the status quo.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 212** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 193: **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 30, presented **H 193**. This legislation clarifies the definition of essential caregivers in a variety of health care facilities. It also provides for the inclusion of family members, guardians, or some other type of custodian, as in the case of minors.

Toni Lawson, Vice President, Idaho Hospital Association, testified **in opposition** to **H 193**. The changes are too complex and can cause confusion. There are appropriate instances when limited visitation is for the safety and well-being of the patient and other nearby patients. Hospitals need the flexibility to assure patient safety issues are addressed. She asked the committee to hold **H 193** so a simpler solution can be presented next session.

Answering questions, **Ms. Lawson** explained the patient-designated caregiver language allows any visitor to be designated. When considering visitation, the hospitals also consider the patient's condition, the family dynamics, and the care unit protocol. This legislation may conflict with federal oversight rules and regulations.

In closing, **Rep. Young** said a facility can place reasonable restrictions on caregivers. The non-limitation expectation of the existing statute did not transpire. Caregivers for minor children were not previously included. The concept and language of patient designees was agreed to by the facilities last year.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to send **H 193** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary